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SUBJ: KOREA IN 29TH UNGA: WORKING GROUP MEETING 11 SEP

1. STAFF LEVEL REPS OF WORKING GROUPMET MORNING SEP 11
TO DISCUSS TACTICS TO BE USED IN GENERAL COMITE TO HELP
ASSURE LATER VOTING PRIORITY FOR OURRESOLUTION AND TO
REVIEW CONTACTS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS REGARDING COSPONSORCONFIDENTIAL

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SHIP FRIENDLY ITEM.

- 2. TACTICS IN GENERAL COMITE: AFTER A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THE GENERAL COMITE'S MAKE-UP THIS YEAR, GROUP AGREED ON DESIRABILITY OF BRINGING ABOUT GC DECISION THAT TWO ITEMS ON KOREA BE DISCUSSED TOGETHER AND MERGED UNDER ONE ITEM WITH THE TITLE: QUESTION OF KOREA. THE GROUPSAW ADVANTAGE IN NEUTRAL SUCH AS AUSTRIA OR SWEDEN MAKING PROPOSAL IN THE GENERAL COMITE TO MERGE THE TWO ITEMS. THE NETHERLANDS REP REPORTED THE AUSTRIAN MISSION IS CONSIDERING MAKING AN OFFER TO PLAY SUCH A ROLE BUT AUSTRIA WOULD PREFER TO BE JOINED BY OTHER NEUTRAL COUNTRIES SUCH AS SWEDEN. THE AUSTRIAN PERMREP HAS APPROACHED AMB RYDBECK OF SWEDEN ON THIS MATTER. THE NETHERLANDS WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT ON THIS. IT WAS DECIDED THAT REGARDLESS TO WHETHER OR NOT A NEUTRAL COUNTRY AGREES TO MAKE THE PROPOSAL. THERE SHOULD BE ONE COUNTRY FROM THE WORKING GROUP THAT WILL ACT AS BACKUP AND BE PREPARED TO RAISE THE POINT OF ORDER SHOULD THE NEUTRAL COUNTRY FAIL TO DO SO. THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UK AGREED TO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY COULD PLAY THIS BACKUP ROLE.
- 3. LOBBYING RESULTS: TURNING TO RESULTS OF CONTACTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING, THE UK REP REPORTED ON TALKS WITH THE FRENCH MISSION. THE FRENCH HAVE NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS BUT THEIR MISSION DOUBTS THAT FRANCE IS WILLING TO COSPONSOR AND MAY ABSTAIN ON INSCRIPTION IN THE GENERAL COMITE. THE NETHERLANDS REPORTED CONTACTS WITH GREECE AND DENMARK. GREECE IS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS. DENMARK IS HESITANT TO COSPONSOR THE FRIENDLY RES BUT WILL SUPPORT IT. THE PERMREP OF NICARAGUA REPORTED THAT BOLIVIA AND GUATEMALA SHOULD HAVE THEIR INSTRUCTIONS TO COSPONSOR THE RES BY MONDAY SEP 16. HE ALSO REPORTEDON THE RESULTS OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PERMREP OF PANAMA. HE SAID THAT AMB BOYD WAS VERY POSITIVE AND STATED THAT PANAMA MAY SUPPORT OUR RES. BOYD STATED THAT HE WOULD SO RECOMMEND TO HIS GOVERNMENT. THE ROK REPORTED ON THEIR CONTACTS WITH REPS OF LESOTHO, SWAZILAND, MALAWI AND NEPAL. LESOTHO IS SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS ON THE ROK REQUEST TO COSPONSOR AND SAID THEY WOULD REPLY BY THE END OF THE WEEK. SWAZILAND WILL ALSO SEEK INSTRUCTIONS ON COSPONSORSHIP. CONFIDENTIAL.

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MALAWI REPORTED THEY SUPPORT THE RES BUT FIND IT DIFFICULT TO COSPONSOR. NEPAL, WHICH IS A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL COMITE, TOLD THE ROK THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT INSCRIPTION OF THE FRIENDLY ITEM AND ARE IN FAVOR OF MERGING THE TWO ITEMS ON KOREA UNDER ONE TITLE. THAILAND REPORTED ON THEIR CONTACTS WITH MALAYSIA. THE MALAYSIAN PERMREP STATED THAT HE FAVORED THE FRIENDLY RES AND WHEN REQUESTING INSTRUCTIONS WILL RECOMMEND THAT MALAYSIA SUPPORT IT. WE REPORTED THAT BOLIVIA

WILL COSPONSOR OUR RES, AND THAT URUGUAY HAD NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS AND WILL NOTIFY THE ROK AS SOON AS THEY DO SO.

4. UK HESITATION: IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION AFTER THE MEETING WE URGED BRITS TO SEEK AUTHORITY PLAY LEADING ROLE SINCE THEY BEST QUALIFIED. UK REPS REPLIED THAT THEY UNCERTAIN OF LONDON'S RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS AUTHORIZING THEIR PLAYING LEADING ROLE OR BACKUP ROLE IN GENERAL COMITE. "MINISTERIAL LEVEL" MIGHT BE RELUCTANT TO AUTHORIZE STILL ANOTHER CLOSE IDENTIFICATION OF UK AND ROK AT UN IN VIEW OF NEGATIVE BRITISH REACTION TO RECENT EVENTS ON SEOUL.

5. THE GROUP AGREED TO HOLD ANOTHER WORKING LEVEL MEETING FRIDAY 13 SEP, AS WELL AS AN AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL MEETING ON SEP 16 OF COSPONSORS ON THE GENERAL COMITE. AMBASSADORS OF OTHER COSPONSORING COUNTRIES ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND IF THEY SO DESIRE, HOWEVER, THE DISCUSSION WILL FOCUS ON GENERAL COMITE TACTICS.

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